

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [044] with the following amended paragraph:

[044] With the purchase order translated and stored, it is now available to the supplier through the document download module ~~485~~ 170 in the data manager 135. The purchase order can be pushed to the supplier, or it can be pulled by the supplier (step 245). In either embodiment, however, the purchase order generally is first translated from the neutral format to the supplier-specific format by using a format map associated with the particular supplier and possibly that particular document (step 250). Next, the translated purchase order can be provided directly to the supplier (step 255). Notably, the purchase order is in a format that can be accepted by the supplier's backend system. There is no need for the supplier to manually enter the information from the purchase order into its backend system.

Please replace paragraph [054] with the following amended paragraph:

[054] Although the components of the present invention can be implemented in most any programming language and on most any hardware system, good results have been achieved by implementing the client integrator 150 on a processor-based machine using a processor sold under the trademark Intel ~~Intel-based machine~~ in a Perl and another programming language sold under the trademark Java language. Additionally, good results have been achieved by implementing the data manager 135 in the programming language sold under the trademark Java on application servers implemented on a platform sold under the trademark Java 2 Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant application servers

with underlying ~~Sun Microsystems~~ hardware sold under the trademark Sun Microsystems. The use of these systems and programming languages reflects a design choice. Good results have been achieved using a variety of interconnected data models within data-warehouses and data-marts sold under the trademark Oracle RDBMS ~~data-warehouses and data-marts~~. Accordingly, the present invention could be implemented in various languages and on various platforms.